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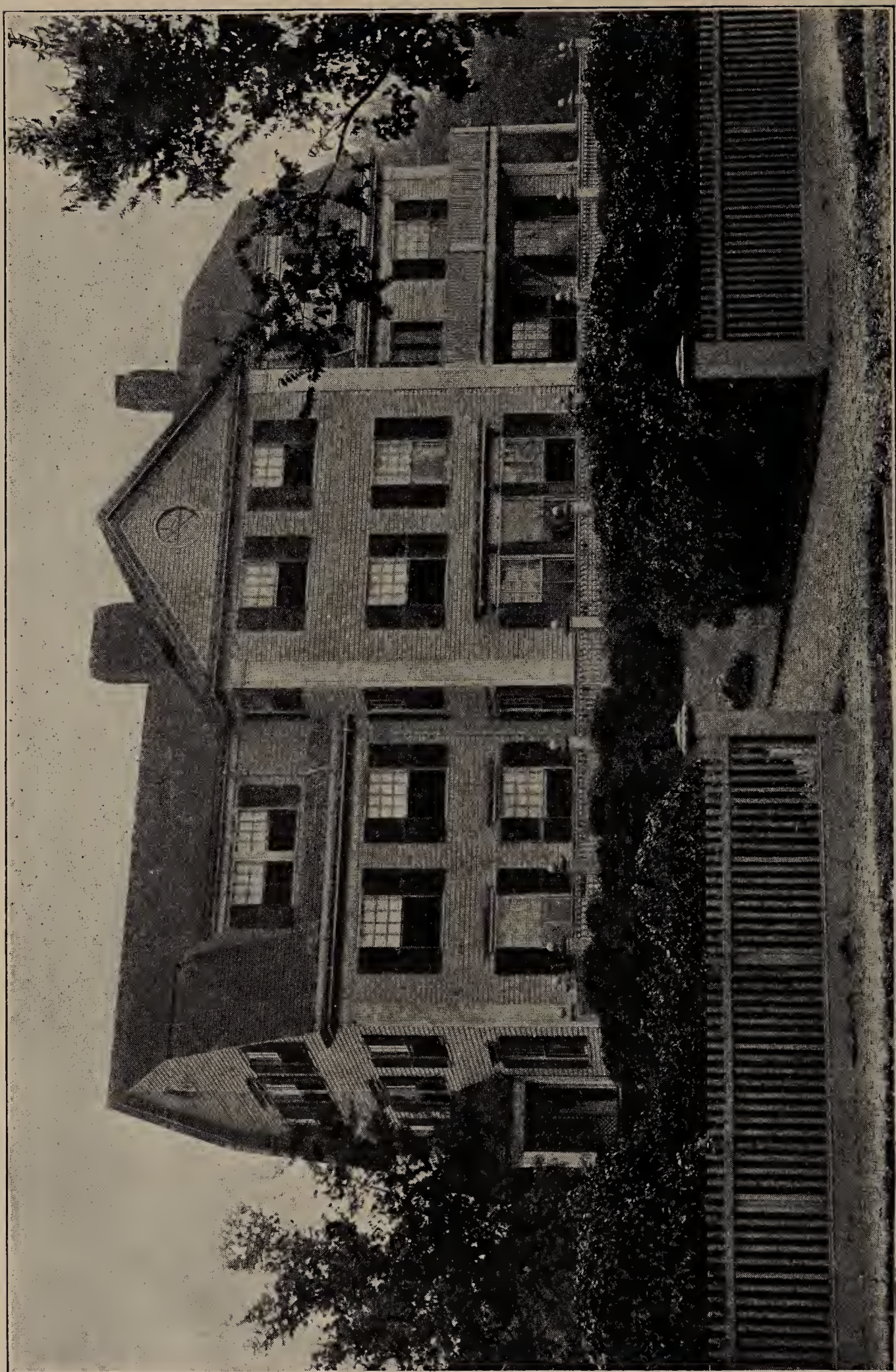
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Jan. 1. MRS. REED.	Jan. 15. MRS. BELL.
Feb. 1. MRS. DURANT.	Feb. 15. MRS. EARLE.
March 1. MRS. GOODRIDGE.	March 15. MRS. BENNETT.
April 1. MRS. STEBBINS.	April 15. MISS CHAMBERLIN.
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Oct. 1. MRS. GOODRIDGE.	Oct. 15. MRS. BENNETT.
Nov. 1. MRS. BROOKS.	Nov. 15. MRS. REED.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.



THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE AVON HOME.

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THE past year in the history of THE AVON HOME has for the most part been uneventful. There has been no change in the Board of Trustees and the same efficient matron and assistant matron have remained.

Since the eleventh of September there have been forty-one children living in the Home, a larger number than ever before — larger even than the house was built to accommodate; the average number during the year has been thirty-seven. Fifteen have been admitted and fourteen discharged. Two boys who were discharged were put in the care of the Commonwealth; as they would soon have reached our age limit and their father was no better able to provide for his numerous family than when his children were admitted four years earlier, it seemed best to delay no longer placing them permanently. All the other children returned to their parents. In addition to those in the house itself, twenty-six children have been boarded under the supervision of the Children's Aid Society, of whom seventeen are still living in families. About them the Trustees receive quarterly reports, which are generally encouraging; the information obtained regarding other children who have left in former days is also satisfactory.

In the last report it was stated that there had been "no extensive or serious illness among the children during the

year ending October 31, 1908." On the second of November one of the boys was found to have diphtheria and was removed to the Diphtheria Hospital, where he remained in quarantine for several weeks, hardly ill at all; then he developed scarlet fever and was transferred to the Cambridge Hospital; when released from there he was boarded for a fortnight outside before returning to the Home. Early in May there was one case of scarlet fever in the house, and in a few days sixteen children were ill with the disease. The first few cases were sent by the Board of Health to the West department of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital in Brighton, but when the cases became numerous it was decided by the health officials to use the entire third floor of the Home as a hospital. The required changes were made and all the sick children, including those who had been sent away, were quarantined there in charge of two nurses employed and paid by the Board of Health. Fortunately no one was seriously ill and most of the children were able to be dressed each day. On the seventh of August the last cases were released and the hospital quarters fumigated by the health department. The additional expense incurred by the Trustees, including repairs on the rooms used for hospital purposes, amounted to more than two hundred and eighty dollars. Another child was attacked by scarlet fever on the twenty-fifth of October and removed to Brighton, where she is doing well.

No legacies have been received this year, but the securities left by Mr. Andrew S. Waitt have been sold and the proceeds, amounting to \$416.24, now form the legacy of Andrew S. Waitt "in memory of his wife, Mary E. (Belcher) Waitt," in accordance with his directions. The annual May Sale was very largely attended and added over twelve hundred dollars to the funds of the Home.



The sale by The Avon Club was also unusually successful, furnishing \$278.10, which is assigned to the support of two specified children. The porch at the back door was rebuilt and enlarged, and the sheltered platform in the children's playground was thoroughly repaired at an expense of \$80.00; Mr. Morrill Wyman and a few other friends generously contributed the money for these improvements.

The new picture of the Home, promised in last year's report, is now presented in the frontispiece. It shows the recently added piazza and balcony, as well as the general improvement in the appearance of the grounds due to the growth of trees and shrubbery since the earlier picture was taken.

A Christmas tree was provided for the children at the Home, and they enjoyed several excursions during the summer. A teacher, Miss Oakes, was employed for six weeks during the vacation to enable the school children to keep up in their studies. In December, and again in February, the Sewing Guild of the Cantabrigia Club met at the Home and, besides sewing for the children for several hours, had an opportunity to see the house and its management, and to know the children.

The Trustees believe that the financial condition of the Home warrants the immediate extension of their work, outlined in last year's report, and confidently expect at the beginning of December to employ for part of the time a General Secretary to investigate applications and make recommendations as to admitting children, to have general oversight of children who have left the Home, and to see that suitable provision is made for those who for any reason cannot be admitted.

The Trustees take this opportunity to thank the numerous generous givers of clothing, food, and other supplies, and

also to remind them that with the growth of the city the need for such gifts is constantly increasing.

Since the completion of the Annual Report Mrs. Theodore F. Wright has resigned on account of ill health. Her eighteen years of service render it fitting to speak of the great loss to the Avon Home, to the children, and to her fellow workers, caused by the withdrawal of one of such excellent judgment, great experience, tireless zeal, and loving devotion.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, *President*.

#### APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL SECRETARY

Since the above report was prepared, the action there indicated regarding a General Secretary has been taken, and Miss E. O. Stannard has been appointed to that office. Her duties, as prescribed in Section X of the Rules of the Home, adopted December 10 (see page 21), are chiefly to investigate applications for the admission of children to the Home; to maintain relations with parents while their children are in the Home, with the object of aiding to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that led to the admission of the children; and to continue in relation with the children and their parents or other relatives after the withdrawal of the children from the Home, with a view to preserving the good influences which it is hoped the Home will have exerted on its inmates; also to continue in relation with rejected applicants, with the object of aiding them to improve the conditions which led to application. The office of the General Secretary is at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, room 303; her office hours are on Wednesday and Friday, from 9 to 11 o'clock.



## PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund . . . . .	\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler . . . . .	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg . . . . .	10,000.00
Holly Tree . . . . .	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund . . . . .	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards . . . . .	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge . . . . .	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman . . . . .	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund . . . . .	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund . . . . .	500.00
Donation from a friend . . . . .	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d . . . . .	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund . . . . .	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood . . . . .	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed . . . . .	172.13
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Frances Mary Mackay Fund . . . . .	15,000.00
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Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer . . . . .	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard" . . . . .	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding . . . . .	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell . . . . .	5,000.00
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Sale of farm at Concord, the gift of James Huntington . . . .	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf . . . . .	4,000.00

Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow . . . . .	\$500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund . . . . .	10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund . . . . .	2,000.00
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In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch . . . . .	50.00
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Legacy of A. R. Dearborn . . . . .	658.00
Legacy of James A. Woolson . . . . .	3,000.00
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Legacy of Mrs. Ellen C. Goodwin . . . . .	100.00
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Legacy of Edward Gerrish . . . . .	8,000.00
Legacy of Jacob Remick . . . . .	16,538.08
Legacy of Andrew S. Waitt, in Memory of his wife, Mary E. (Belcher) Waitt . . . . .	416.24
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FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars  
to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
NOVEMBER 1, 1909.

Donations of outer garments and clothing, especially for boys, are earnestly solicited. If donors to the Home would send with their gifts their full name and address, it would greatly assist the clerk in making out the list of donations. It sometimes happens that difficulty in getting the name causes errors and omissions in the list.

*November, 1908.*

Miss S. B. Smith, basket of apples.  
Mr. C. Sever, bbl. of apples.  
Mrs. R. N. Toppan, turkey and ice cream.  
The Corlett Kindergarten, box of vegetables, fruit, cake, cranberries, and dates.  
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, turkey, candy, nuts, popcorn, vegetables.  
Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, one half doz. spoons.  
Conant & Stockwell, three bunches celery, two doz. oranges.  
Page Box Co., load of kindling wood.  
Mrs. Norton Folsom, jar of fruit.  
Mrs. E. A. Dougan, box of fruit.  
Mrs. Warren Ivers, flowers.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, frosted cake and sweet bread.  
Mrs. Smith, toys.

*December.*

Mrs. G. E. Howe, one pair boy's boots, two pajamas, one cotton suit for boy, one girl's muslin waist, three pairs underdrawers, two shirts, two undervests.  
The Basket Club, one wrapper, four skirts, two sacks.  
The Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, two undervests, four pillowslips, six towels, two pairs mittens, one child's night-drawers, eight pairs stockings, two girl's dresses, two pairs cotton drawers, one child's dress, four infant's

nightgowns, one sweater, two flannel wrappers.  
The Club, three blouses, four pairs drawers, one apron.  
Miss Maria Murdock, a nickel for each child's stocking.  
Mrs. C. B. Swift, one coat, two waists, two union suits, two underwaists.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, Christmas cake.  
J. H. Wyeth & Co., box of oranges.  
A friend, box of toys.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason, four doz. mittens, four tams.  
Conant & Stockwell, three turkeys.  
Mrs. E. H. Bright, Christmas candy.  
Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, thirteen toys.  
Master Parker Soule, Christmas candy.  
Mrs. E. W. Smith, handkerchiefs, mittens, and cards.  
Mrs. S. A. Brooks, four doz. costume crackers.  
Master Haskel Brooks Curry, two scrapbooks.  
Mr. William Taggard Piper, \$5.00 for children's Christmas.  
Mrs. T. W. Richards, basket of books, toys.  
Mrs. Griffith, toys and magazines.  
Mrs. S. H. Swan, Christmas cards.  
Mrs. Corcoran, 1 doz. napkins.

*January, 1909.*

Mrs. R. N. Toppan, books and toys.  
The Club, five woollen blouses, one pair drawers.



Sewing Branch of The Woman's Alliance, Austin St. Unitarian Church, six doz. bibs.

The Club, two pairs night-drawers, one sack.

Home Missionary Society, Shepard Memorial Church, one doz. pairs night-drawers.

*February, 1909.*

Mrs. S. E. Whiting, Our Dumb Animals for 1908.

Mr. G. H. Kemp, box of valentines.

Master Parker Soule, package of valentines.

The Club, three aprons.

Sewing Club, Limited, fifteen aprons, four nightgowns, five wrappers, four flannel skirts.

Miss A. E. Tower, three bibs.

Ladies' Aid Society of the New Jerusalem Church, twenty-four waists.

Mrs. W. S. Martin, two woollen blouses, one pair slippers, one pair shoes.

Dr. F. W. Taylor, flowers.

No Name Club, ten blouses.

Mrs. Robert Douglass, four flannel skirts.

*March.*

Mr. G. O. G. Coale, flowers.

Mrs. A. P. Marrett, two guimps, two cotton dresses, one woollen dress, one white skirt, one underwaist, two pairs hose.

Rev. M. W. Cutter, flowers.

Miss K. I. Cook, dolls, toys, books.

The Club, two wrappers, two dresses.

The Woman's Industrial, nineteen cotton dresses, twenty-nine night-dresses, nineteen pairs outing-flannel night drawers, twelve pairs cotton drawers, eight rompers, twenty-four aprons, three skirts.

Sewing Club, Limited, nineteen night-gowns, four aprons.

Mrs. E. B. Koehler, three hats, one pair shoes, one dress skirt, one sack, gloves, one collar, one waist, one ferris waist, one silk waist, two pairs hose, one pair drawers, one cotton skirt, one lawn waist, two bags, one pair underdrawers.

Mrs. Gordon Woodbury, two pairs shoes, one sweater, two boy's suits, toys, games, and books.

Mrs. Robert Douglass, four night-gowns.

No Name Club, ten blouses.

Miss M. H. Deane, box of clothing.

*April.*

Mrs. G. E. Howe, one pair trousers, two pairs shoes.

Mrs. G. W. Cobb, flowers.

The Club, seven blouses, two aprons.

Mrs. P. H. Moriarty, two boxes shoe lacings.

Mrs. E. R. Williams, box of clothing.

The Needlework Guild, two pairs hose.

The Basket Club, three children's outing-flannel wrappers, one infant's sack, one child's sack.

Mrs. W. B. Durant, three cotton dresses.

Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, cake.

*May.*

Mrs. G. F. Cazmay, paper dolls.

Prospect St. Sunday School, Sunday School papers.

Miss Avis Blaisdell's S. S. Class, St. John's Church, eight bibs.

Mr. W. M. Danner, forty pecks toasted cornflakes.

Home Missionary Society, Shepard Memorial Church, three gingham aprons.

Mrs. A. L. Thomson, flowers.

Mrs. C. B. Swift, box of clothing.

Mrs. J. Dorr, box of picture cards and valentines.

Mrs. A. B. Hunt, boy's suit, girl's coat.  
 Mr. F. H. Hall, nine tennis balls.  
 Miss A. E. Tower, flowers.  
 Sewing Society, North Avenue Baptist Church, twelve gingham aprons.  
 The Hive, two doz. outing-flannel night-drawers.  
 Sewing Club, Limited, three aprons.  
 Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, toys.  
 Mrs. E. A. Russell, one coat, three skirts, one dress skirt.  
 Mrs. B. F. Janes, five new straw hats, six new felt hats.  
 Mrs. E. B. Koehler, box of clothing.  
 Mr. T. M. Casey, flowers.

*June.*

The Club, seven blouses, one apron, two wrappers, three dresses.  
 Mrs. W. B. Kellen, flowers.  
 Prospect Street Sunday School, Sunday School papers and cards.  
 Sewing Club, Limited, seven aprons.  
 Mrs. Samuel Noyes, six sheets for Fowler Crib.  
 Mrs. G. E. Howe, hat, coat, and shoes.

*July.*

Miss M. H. Ellis, one pair boy's shoes.  
 Mrs. C. P. Strong, nine framed pictures.  
 Mr. A. L. Howard, two rugs for go-cart.  
 The Club, six blouses.  
 Miss Alma Tompkins, clothing and toys.  
 Mrs. W. S. Martin, box of clothing.  
 Mrs. Fred Jouett, box of clothing.  
 Miss M. C. Wood, book.  
 Mrs. W. H. Pickering, magazines.  
 Miss May, flowers.  
 Miss Chandler, picture books and cards.  
 Mr. B. F. Wyeth, flowers.  
 Mr. Morrill Wyman, two pecks of tomatoes, three summer squashes.

*September.*

Mrs. M. G. Howe, box of pears.  
 Mr. Morrill Wyman, apples and tomatoes.  
 Mr. L. W. Rogers, flowers.

*October.*

Mr. E. A. Jones, The Blue Book.

In December, and again in February, the Sewing Guild of The Cantabrigia Club held an all-day meeting at the Home and sewed garments for the children.

## BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME

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### ARTICLE I.

*Name.* — The name of this Corporation shall be “THE AVON HOME.” Its object shall be to benefit Children found destitute within the limits of the city of Cambridge, as existing in 1874.

### ARTICLE II.

*Membership.* — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

### ARTICLE III.

*Officers.* — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall



report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

#### ARTICLE IV.

*Meetings.* — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Friday in November, at such place and hour as the President and Clerk may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.

*Seal.* — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

#### ARTICLE VI.

*Amendments.* — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

## RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

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I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order : *First*, to orphans and foundlings ; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority ; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home ; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only ; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation ; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

Information regarding children who are or have been in the Avon Home, or regarding their relatives or friends, shall not be given by the Matron or employees to any one except a Trustee, and any request for such information shall be referred to one of the officers of the Corporation.



IX. The General Secretary shall investigate thoroughly, in co-operation with the Committee on Admission, all applications for the admission of children to the Home, and make prompt report thereon to the chairman, or in her absence to some other member, of the committee.

She shall also maintain relations with parents while their children are in the Home, with the object of aiding to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that led to the admission of the children ; and continue in relation with children and their parents or other relatives after the withdrawal of the children from the Home, with a view to preserving the good influences which it is hoped the Home will have exerted on its inmates.

It shall further be the duty of the General Secretary to investigate families where children may be boarded, and in some cases, as determined by the Trustees, to visit children who are placed in private families by the Home ; to continue in relation with rejected applicants, with the object of aiding them to improve the conditions which led to application ; to be present at the Home on the first Sunday and usually on the third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P.M., in order to aid the Matron in meeting parents and other visitors ; to meet, when requested, with the Committee on Admission and with the Committee on Adoption and Discharge ; and to make a report in writing at each monthly meeting of the Trustees.

X. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents ; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

XI. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XII. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee

or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

XIII. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of the Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Cambridge Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of the said Committee.







